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Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in construction projects near your home or that impact your commute. This newsletter helps me better connect with you and inform you of ongoing and upcoming projects that could impact your commute as well as other helpful resources.

Got potholes or other roadway concerns? As winter fades, spring brings an onset of rain and other roadway issues including potholes - a familiar nemesis throughout our communities. To help, I've provided helpful resources below so you know who to contact and quickly report these issues.

On State Roads (numbered roadways):

Report **online**

Call **301-729-8400** or **1-800-760-7138**

Email **shadistrict7@sha.state.md.us**

On County Roads (not incl. private roads)

Report **online**

Call **410-313-7450**

Email: **highways@howardcountymd.gov**

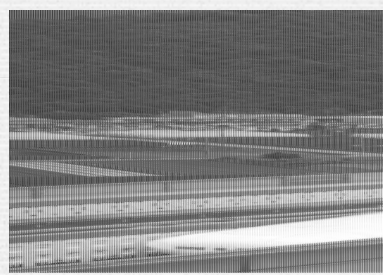
I hope you're finding this information useful and encourage you to share this with your friends, family and neighbors. Encourage them to sign-up and start receiving these helpful newsletters by emailing **cball@howardcountymd.gov** with "**subscribe**" in the subject line.

If you have questions about a project you don't see included within this edition, please email me at **cball@howardcountymd.gov** or my Special Assistant Kim Pruim at **kpruim@howardcountymd.gov** and we'll work to identify updates that are publicly available. As always, I appreciate your willingness to make our County one of the greatest places to live, work, and play!

Make Your Voice Heard

Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SCMAGLEV) Project

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential impacts of constructing and operating a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) system between Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD with an intermediate stop at BWI Airport. The EIS is being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and other applicable regulations and procedures. For more information on what a SCMAGLEV system looks like, click [here](#).



As part of an ongoing effort to keep stakeholders informed and gather input throughout the planning process, the second round of Open Houses concludes on **Saturday, April 8, 2017 10am-12pm** - Courtyard Marriott Washington, DC/U.S. Capitol, 1325 2nd Street NE, Washington DC. Public comments are also being accepted via [email](#). Send written comments: SCMAGLEV Project, c/o John Trueschler, Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

[Read more](#)

2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan



Make your voice heard and participate in a discussion with the HC Department of Recreation and Parks with Sasaki Associates about the recent 2017 Land Preservation Plan. The plan outlines the county's intentions play, grow, and preserve in the next few years by improving recreational amenities, conserving open space, and protecting natural resources. Make your opinion heard [here](#). To participate in

the survey, click [here](#). The LPPRP is due to be submitted to the DNR and MDP by **July 1, 2017**.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Chrysalis Amphitheater in Downtown Columbia



As the first of the seven-phase development plan by the Inner Arbor Trust, the Chrysalis Amphitheater will be a shell-shaped outdoor facility east of Merriweather Post Pavilion. The capacity is 400 people with two stages: the Alpha Stage proscenium for larger productions and the Beta Stage proscenium with a thrust stage for smaller events.

You are cordially invited to the Dedication Celebration as we celebrate the opening of the Chrysalis on Earth Day, **Saturday, April 22, 2017**. Festivities start at **11am** with a tour of the Chrysalis, followed by a dedication at **12pm** and a Meet & Greet of the Team at **1pm**. This event is FREE and open to the public. Following the Dedication, a Grounds for Celebration Festival will be held featuring 8 Acts and 12 Performances beginning at **2:30pm**. Tickets are \$20. Kids 16 & under are FREE when accompanied by an adult. For more information, to register for the FREE dedication ceremony or to purchase tickets for the festival, go [online](#).

County Park Construction

Blandair Park

Phase 2 - Construction has begun and will include sidewalk connections, a playground, two artificial turf fields, comfort station, pavilion, five tennis courts, parking lot, a promenade, a County bus stop and storm water management facilities. The artificial turf fields, and lights are installed. The tennis fields, storm water facilities, pavilion and comfort station are almost complete. For a map of Phase II, click [here](#). DPW anticipates the next phase of work will begin in January 2017; however, this timeline is contingent upon BGE providing service to lights on Route 175 in **early January**. Weather permitting, Recreation & Parks anticipates

completion by **September 2017**.

Phase 3 - Design is currently underway for a maintenance building with offices, storage and fenced yard; parking lot, Play for all Playground; backyard games area (horseshoes, bocce ball, croquet); comfort station with storage rooms; pavilion/shade structure; pathways & bridges; and a dog park. The dog park will not be constructed until the bridge across Rt 175 is complete and Oakland Mills Rd no longer goes through Phase 3. We anticipate construction to begin in **Fall 2017** with estimated completion in **Spring 2019**. For map, click [here](#).

Phase J - Project to include the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Oakland Mills Rd & Old Montgomery Rd and realign Oakland Mills Rd in Blandair Park. Construction has begun on the road realignment. A portion of Oakland Mills Rd. in Blandair Park has been closed during the realignment reconstruction. This project is expected to be complete **late summer 2017**.

Bridge - This project includes the construction of a bridge over Rt 175 connecting the northern and southern portions of the park. Once that is complete, the entrance to Blandair Park from Schap Ln. will be formally closed in response to resident concerns. Construction is not anticipated to begin until **late summer 2018**.

Troy Park

Phase 2 - Construction is underway and will include: one synthetic multipurpose field, parking facility, three restrooms, three pavilions, sidewalks, benches, trash receptacles and the repaving of all roadways inside Troy Park. We anticipate completion by **mid-September 2017**. For more details on Troy Park construction, go [online](#).



Rt 29 Widening Project

Phase 1B NB Rt 29 (Third Ln Widening & Noise Wall Construction) - Under Construction. Noise walls continue to be constructed along east side of NB Rt 29 (Seneca Dr to Rt 175). Final work on the road surface is scheduled to be complete in **late Summer 2017**.

SHA acknowledges a delay in its anticipated schedule due to unforeseeable incidents including utilities which were uncovered during the project. We appreciate your continued patience.

Rt 29 at Rt 175 Ramp Revision: This project will include the elimination of NB Rt 29 to WB Rt 175 cloverleaf ramp and replacing it with a new traffic light on Route 175 accessed via the NB Rt 29 to EB Rt 175 ramp. During construction, SHA does not anticipate a detour. SHA has stated that the final ramp closure is only expected to occur once new ramp revision is complete and operational. SHA anticipates construction to begin by **July 2017** and to be complete by **Spring 2018**, weather permitting.

River's Edge: SHA's design office met with the Clarks Crossing community and believes it has identified a design that is acceptable to the community. The team is still working with the River's Edge community to identify a design that residents would support. This project is not yet funded.

Elkridge Library - Charles I. Ecker Campus

A project to renovate our Elkridge Library, renamed as the Charles I. Ecker Campus is underway. To serve residents in the NE corridor, we have opened an Interim Elkridge Express Branch located near Elkridge Landing MS at 7071 Montgomery Rd in Elkridge, which features a small browsing collection, nine public computers, and a children's classroom that can accommodate up to 15 people. Hours of Operation: **M-Th: 10am-9pm; F-Sat: 10am-6pm; Sun: 1-5pm.**



The NEW HCLS Elkridge Branch & DIY Education Center, once opened, will include: five study rooms, three meeting rooms, vending cafe, business center, increased number of public access computers, expanded collection, a DIY Education Center, Design Institute and a HiTech Classroom. A satellite location has opened at Elkridge ES to continue serving our Elkridge residents and the northeastern corridor of the County. The branch is scheduled to

Broken Land Pkwy Paving Project

A project to pave EB Brokenland Pkwy between US29 and Guilford Rd and WB Brokenland Pkwy between Guilford Rd and Snowden River Pkwy is underway. Milling operations will take place M-F from 9am-3pm and from 8pm-5am. Flagging operations and signs will be in place to direct traffic as needed during construction hours. Motorists are advised to follow the message signs for updates regarding changes to construction hours. Weather permitting, the project is anticipated to be complete **mid-May 2017**.

Cedar Ln Paving Project

A project to mill and pave Cedar Ln between Harpers Farm Rd and Little Patuxent Prkwy in Columbia is expected to begin on or about **Monday, April 10**. Milling operations will take place M-F 9am-3pm. Flagging operations and signs will be in place to direct traffic as needed during construction hours. Motorists are advised to follow the message boards for updates regarding changes to construction hours. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by **late April 2017**.

Montevideo Road Realignment Project

A project to align Montevideo Rd and Port Capital Dr in Elkridge has begun. Additions will include new roadway and traffic signals, water and sewer connections, storm drains, and a storm water management pond. Relocations of overhead wires by BGE, Level 3 Communications, Comcast and Verizon will take place. Construction is underway.

Signs and flagging operations will be in place to direct traffic as needed during construction hours, M-F 9am-3pm and occasional weekday night work. Lane shifts are expected during construction hours. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by **late Fall 2017**.

Cedar Villa Heights Drainage Improvements

The first phase of a two-phase construction project to improve stormwater drainage in the vicinity of US 1 (Washington Blvd), Cedar Ave and Georgia Ave in Jessup has begun. It includes the installation of new curb, along with storm drain piping and inlets, from Georgia Ave south to US 1. It will connect the new system to the existing pipe crossing under US 1 behind 8040 Washington Blvd.

Motorists can expect an intermittent three-week closure of the far right southbound travel lane until pipe work during construction hours until the work is complete. SB traffic on US 1 will be allowed to turn right onto Cedar Ave. NB traffic will not be permitted to turn left onto Cedar Ave from US 1. NB motorists will follow a clearly-marked detour using Lincoln Dr. Additionally, the sidewalk adjacent to 8040 Washington Blvd SB will be closed during this two-week period.

Phase 2 is expected to begin in the **summer of 2017** and will involve additional storm drain improvements between Lincoln Dr and Wye Ave.

Route 97 at BurntWoods Rd Improvements

SHA will improve the intersection of Route 97 (Roxbury Mills Rd) at Burntwoods Rd beginning the **week of April 3**. Safety and alignment improvements will include: adding an acceleration lane for motorists turning right onto Route 97 from Burntwoods Rd; widening Route 97 for a through lane and a new left turn lane to Burntwoods Road; widening and lengthening the right turn lane on Route 97 (north or south) for motorists turning right onto Burntwoods Road; widening Burntwoods Road for a left and right turn lane for motorists accessing Route 97; and storm drainage, traffic barriers, new signage and a new traffic beacon.

Crews will use a flagging operation to guide motorists through the work zone, **Monday-Friday**

9am-3pm. Additionally, crews will work behind barrier walls along the shoulders of the roadway. Weather permitting, the project will be complete **summer 2018**. Those with questions, may call **301-624-8100** or email shadistrict7@sha.state.md.us.

Fairest Dream Lanes Stormwater Quality Improvement

A Howard County project to improve a stormwater management pond in the vicinity of Fairest Dream Ln in Columbia has begun. It will replace the existing riser structure and principal spillway, add a forebay to trap sediment, deepen the pond to provide water quality, and provide stabilization to the outfall and downstream bank protection and riparian plantings. There will be signs out to inform drivers and those walking. Weather permitting, this project is anticipated to be complete by the **end of May 2017**.

Historic Ellicott City Stream Channel Wall Replacement

A project to replace stream channel walls along the Hudson Branch in Historic Ellicott City is ongoing and includes the replacement of damaged stone walls and the stabilization of eroded stream banks between Parking Lots E and F caused by flooding on **July 30**.

The project is not expected to impact the flow of traffic during construction hrs, M-F 7am-7pm and Sat 9am-5pm. However, the walking path between Lot F and Court Ave will be closed for the duration of the project. A sign will be posted to direct pedestrians from Lot F to Main St. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by **late June 2017**.

Club Ct Drainage Improvement Project

A project to improve stormwater drainage on Club Ct in Ellicott City has begun. Storm drain pipes and structures will replace an eroded ditch between 4123 and 4217 Club Ct. Minor paving will take place at a portion of the cul-de-sac. A short section of standard curb and gutter will be replaced along the property frontage of 4217 Club Ct. Storm drain pipes and structures will be installed within the Club Ct public road right-of-way.

The project is not expected to impact the flow of traffic in the area. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by **mid-May**.

Timbers of Troy Golf Course Renovations



Timbers at Troy Golf Course is temporarily closed for play to allow continued and accelerated work on the ongoing bunker and irrigation renovation projects throughout the property. Once the project is complete, the course will repave some of the cart pathways. Among the restoration projects taking place, is the installation of the Better Billy Bunker System throughout the course which includes a patented porous hard surface mixture used as lining below the sand which eliminates sand contamination and washed out bunkers

following rain storms. The renovation of the bunkers are complete. The new irrigation system, which is almost complete and must now be tested, will include remote controls for each irrigation head along with the capacity for hand watering throughout the course to eliminate hot spots during the summer season. The new system meets KemperSports proprietary Green to a Tee environmental best practices and will reduce water use by an estimated 20 percent or more annually.

Weather permitting, the golf course is expected to reopen **mid-May 2017**.

Murray Hill Road Stormwater Improvements

A construction project to replace the principal spillway of a detention pond on Murray Hill Rd in the vicinity of Vollmerhausen Rd in Columbia is still underway. It includes grading to provide greater stormwater management capacity and replacement of the pond's principal spillway.

Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed **late May 2017** and is funded by the County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund.

Little Patuxent Wastewater Reclamation Plant Construction

A biosolids processing facility, located at 8900 Greenwood Place in Savage, will be constructed for the purposes of meeting new Maryland Department of the Environment biosolids storage and disposal regulations. The addition will aid in reducing biosolids volume and in enhancing biosolids quality for end-use purposes. Biosolids are treated sewage sludge that meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency pollutant and pathogen requirements for land application and surface disposal.

This project is underway and is expected to be completed by **June 2020**.

Montgomery Rd Water Transmission Main Replacement

A project to rehabilitate and replace approximately 14,000 linear feet of corroding 12-inch metallic water mains along Montgomery Rd between Miller's Corner and Lawyer's Hill Rd. This project has begun and is scheduled to be complete in **spring 2018**, weather permitting.

Traffic control will be required for construction with Montgomery Rd. Delays can be expected during the hours of **9am-3pm**.

FUTURE PROJECTS



US29 Pedestrian & Bike Bridge (Bridge Columbia) Project

Howard County will be making improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle bridge that crosses US29 in Columbia, **beginning Fall 2017**. Improvements will include: installation of a spiraling geodesic tube around the bridge, upgraded lighting and additional safety enhancements. Closure of the bridge for a period of approximately 3 months is anticipated during Fall and Winter of 2017-2018.

In addition to enhanced lighting, the County will also install fiber to provide police with clearer images from security cameras located on the bridge. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be complete in **Spring 2018**.

[Read more](#)

Traffic Signal - Rt 103 at Wesley/Old Stockbridge

My office requested this project to address traffic concerns. SHA has received right-of-way (ROW) funding necessary for the project to proceed and identified the appropriate property owners needed for ROW acquisition.

SHA anticipates they will begin construction **Spring 2018**, weather permitting and assuming all required ROW acquisition documents are received.



Rt 1 at Kit Kat - Traffic Signal & Road Improvements



This project will improve safety at this intersection and along the Route 1 corridor. There are two portions of this project: one funded by SHA which will include the installation of a traffic signal, the other funded by the County which will widen the roadway and add other improvements.

SHA is designing a traffic signal and anticipates for construction to begin in **2018**.

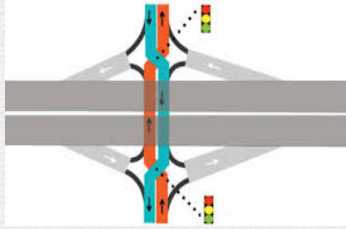
There is also a County capital project (**J4247**) to improve Kit Kat Rd by widening the paved roadway section and/or adding a small shoulder. Currently, the County Executive has only proposed allocating \$160,000 in his proposed FY18 Capital Budget for this project. The County will need additional funding to proceed. I encourage residents to share their support with the Executive as I continue advocating for this project.

Rt 32 Widening (From Rt 108-Linden Church Rd)



State Highway Administration will be widening Rt32 from a two-lane rd to a four-lane divided highway with shoulders between Rt108 and Linden Church Rd. The wider roadway will improve safety and operations and reduce traffic congestion within the corridor region. The MOU has been executed and construction is anticipated to begin **Summer 2017** and scheduled completion is **Summer 2018**.

[Read more](#)



Rt 100 at Rt 103 - Diverging Diamond Interchange

A project (J4249) to design and construct a replacement of the roundabouts of Rt103 on the north and south sides of Rt100 with a diverging diamond interchange in order to increase the capacity of the interchange. The design is currently underway.

The County Executive has allocated \$5,000,000 in his proposed FY18 Capital Budget. At this time, the project calls for design and construction in FY18 with an anticipated completion in FY20, weather permitting and ensuring the project is fully funded.

N. Laurel Sewer Project

The County's Department of Public Works will host a public meeting on **Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 7-9pm** in Columbia/Ellicott City Room, located in the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive in Ellicott City. The purpose is to discuss the study, design and construction of the Hammond/Patuxent area sewer interceptor improvement project which involves the construction of 15,000 linear ft of sewer in N. Laurel.

Project limits are bound by Rt216 to the west, the Patuxent River along the Howard County line to the south, Hammond Branch to the north and Junction Dr to the east. Areas impacted include the 9700 blk of Baltimore Ave, 9500 blk of Cissell Ave, 9700-9800 Washington Blvd, 8000 Blk of Greenwood Ave and 9000 blk of Junction Dr.

A formal presentation, including the proposed design plans and construction schedules, will take place starting at 7pm. After the presentation, DPW staff members will remain on hand to explain the proposed plans, answer questions and gather public comments.

For those unable to attend but would like to view the proposed plans and/or have questions, contact **Kin Siew** at **410-313-6124** or email ksiew@howardcountymd.gov.

Old Montgomery Rd/Tamar Dr Roundabout

This project was requested by my office and proposes to install a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Old Montgomery Rd and Tamar Dr in an effort to address safety concerns. A community meeting was held this summer and comments were gathered. County engineers are finalizing the scope of the project. At this time, there is no estimate on when this project will begin.

SHA Repaving Plans & Other Helpful Resources

I-95 (Baltimore Co line to Rt 100 Patching) - NB lanes will be repaved **summer 2017**, weather permitting.

Major Weekend Lane Closures - Click [here](#) for updates on upcoming road closures and detours.

Rt. 103 @ Long Gate Pkwy

There are two projects in this corridor: SHA is studying widening Rt. 103 and a property owner has proposed a project next to the YMCA, which would allow for 79 townhomes with a max density of 111 townhomes. SHA is working with the property owner to install the missing

sidewalk portion and possible installation of a traffic signal.

Road Widening: The Armory has historical significance and requires a certain frontage from the Rt 103. Due to the loss of frontage that would occur with the proposed widening and coupled with the determination that the Armory will be relocating in a few years, this project has been placed on hold. SHA anticipates the Armory will be vacated in **January 2020**. In anticipation, they are rescheduling the project ad date to **November 2019**, with the anticipation that construction would begin **Spring 2020**. This project has not been funded for construction, right-of-way acquisition, or utility relocations.

Housing Project: School allocations have placed this project on hold.

Thank You for Following Along!

I hope you have found my newsletter informational and useful, both in knowing what projects are happening in and around your neighborhood but those that are coming down the pipeline so you can plan your commute accordingly. If you have any questions or if there are any projects you would like to see included within this newsletter, please email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov or contact my Special Assistant **Kim Pruim** at kpruim@howardcountymd.gov.

All the best,



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~Douglas MacArthur

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